

the Vision

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST BAPTIST SHALLOTTE | APRIL 2019

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS AT OUR NEW LOCATION

Sunday, April 7



Focused Worship

A Look Back to the Past, What's Happening Today & How We're Moving Forward

Celebration Picnic

Bring Your Favorite Picnic Sides & Desserts

Outdoor Activities

Come Dressed for Fun! Bouncy House, Cornhole, Horseshoes, Softball & More
No Evening Worship or Activities

Church Events

- Apr 5th-6th — Womens' Retreat
- Apr 7th — Celebration Service
- Apr 8th — Ladies' Ministry Meeting
- Apr 14th — Celebration Choir Easter Cantata
- Apr 14th — Deacon Training
- Apr 14th — Quarterly Ministry Meeting
- Apr 20th — Spring Carnival
- Apr 21st — SONrise Service
- Apr 28th — Strategy 2019 Presentation & Vote

From then 'til Now, God's Story Continues

Pastor Bob

Fifteen years.

At first it doesn't sound like much. But a lot can happen in fifteen years. Couples get married, children are born, and loved ones pass away. New jobs start and old jobs end. Parents become grandparents and students become graduates.

Do you remember what you were doing Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004?

On that Easter morning the members of the First Baptist Church of Shallotte opened the glass doors to a glistening new building, the envy of other churches and the focus of the whole neighborhood, to inaugurate worship at this new place.

Easter that year at FBCS would indeed be a celebration of new life, of potential, of the future, and it would be a celebration of that humbling moment when everyone there can only say, Yeah, God did this. But it would also be tinged with sadness, as Dr. Randy Gruber would not be in the pulpit that day, not there to celebrate with the people he loved and led to move to a new site so growth could continue unhindered for generations to come.

Even so, everyone knew. Pastor Gruber was celebrating in person with Jesus the new life they would celebrate in church that Sunday.

And even as the people of God at First Baptist Church straddled past and future, God was working to move everyone forward, about to intersect lives as only He can do. In the second half of 2004, His plan would start to unfold in parts and pieces, taking shape in conversations and interviews and in emails and visits.

So 2005 started with an emerging awareness that things would be changing for the Weathers, and for the people of God at FBCS.

And March 2005 came. Palm Sunday, one year since Pastor Gruber's homegoing, and one week before Easter, I preached for the first time in the pulpit at the First Baptist Church of Shallotte.

And I accepted God's call to join the story of the First Baptist Church of Shallotte.

And this Easter Sunday, I will arrive around dawn, in the glow that signals a new day is starting, and I'll unlock those same glass doors and walk the halls clicking on the lights, and I'll settle in to celebrate with God's people the great work of God that motivates us, that moves us, and that reminds us that our story is much bigger than us.

It's His story, and He has brought us all here to be part of it.

And if His story is about anything, it's about Easter. Jesus Christ is alive!

So this month, we will celebrate what God is

doing! And if FBCS is anything, it is alive and well and actively engaged in ministry!

April opens with Cornerstone Ministry's Women's Retreat, April 5-6, hosted at FBCS this year. Ladies sign up today and grow in faith and fellowship!

Then, on April 7, we are celebrating fifteen years of ministry at this new location. Well, it's not really "new" any more, for the doors are worn and the paint is scratched with the signs of life. But it is still a great time to sing and celebrate and tell great stories of God's goodness and kindness and guidance and grace. We'll remember what He has done and gather up to admit in our humility that we have no idea what comes next. But He does.

Understand, we are not celebrating these fifteen years to be nostalgic or just to reminisce. We are doing it because we need to pause at key places on the journey, to celebrate what God has done, and to look forward to what God is going to do. We need to reflect and remember and rejoice. God has brought us together for this!

So April 7, we will sing, see pictures, hear stories, be reminded, and be challenged. You are a part of this church family, be there. Invite friends and family members who have had their own part in this story or been impacted by it. And who knows, maybe God will even add more people to the story on April 7!

After worship, linger. We will share a picnic. You can eat inside or outside, stay and fellowship, and stay and play. Come dressed to enjoy the day with your church family.

On April 14 be in your seats before 11 AM to enjoy the Celebration Choir's presentation of "Love Took His Breath Away."

And Saturday, April 20, is our annual Spring Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt! Bring the whole family and the neighbors! Come and have fun!

Then April 21, of course, is Easter Sunday. At 7 AM is our SONRise service, followed by breakfast, and then Sunday School at 9:45. We will have our regular worship service at 11AM. In both worship services we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together!

And be back for the last Sunday in April. On April 28, we will worship together, have a presentation on Strategy 2019, which includes extensive upgrades and improvements. Be here to learn, vote, and participate in this historic moment!

Fifteen years. And more ministry to come! Together, let's continue the story!

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog: BOBWEATHERS.NET



Easter

Our Easter Celebration starts on April 14th with the Celebration Choir's presentation of "Love Took His Breath Away" Easter Cantata.

Easter Weekend will kick off with our Annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 20th at 10am. Volunteers and donations needed. Please contact Heather Bath at (910) 470-8972 for more information.

Easter Sunday begins with a SONrise Service at 7am. Followed by a time of fellowship and breakfast. Sunday School classes start at 9:45am. We will wrap up the day with a special Easter Worship Service at 11am. No evening worship or activities.



Get Ready for Strategy 2019!

On April 28, you will hear a presentation from the Strategy 2019 Team, and you will have a chance to vote to adopt their proposal. Here's what you need to know to get ready:

What is it?:

Strategy 2019 is a plan to renovate, upgrade, and repair specific areas of our facilities and worship environment in order to provide space for growth, improve aesthetics, replace or repair outdated parts or materials, and upgrade resources to better facilitate worship. Areas that will be addressed include: Repairing interior doors; an addition to the Family Life Center to provide storage,

classroom space, and a choir room; a storage building; the completion of the goals set by the Furniture Acquisitions Team; and extensive upgrades and improvements to the lighting, sound, video, technology, and aesthetics for worship—and more!

Who is it?

The Strategy 2019 Team combines members of Facility Development, Building and Grounds, Furniture Acquisition, and an ad hoc team for worship center upgrades and improvements.

What comes next?

At the Ministry Meeting on April 14, at 6 PM, you will have a chance to preview Strategy

2019. Then on Sunday morning, April 28, we will worship together and the Strategy 2019 Team will present their proposal. We will be called into a conference, and you can ask questions, and then we will pray together and vote on the recommendation. The meeting will also include a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Team, pending the church's adoption of Strategy 2019.

What should you do now?

Begin now praying that God will guide us as a church to get ready for the future and to be prepared to do all He wants us to do!

disciplelife

classes

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Dinner Fellowship

starts
4/24



Led by Don Evans

GOSPEL ABOVE ALL

*I passed on to you as most important what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.*
1 CORINTHIANS 15:3

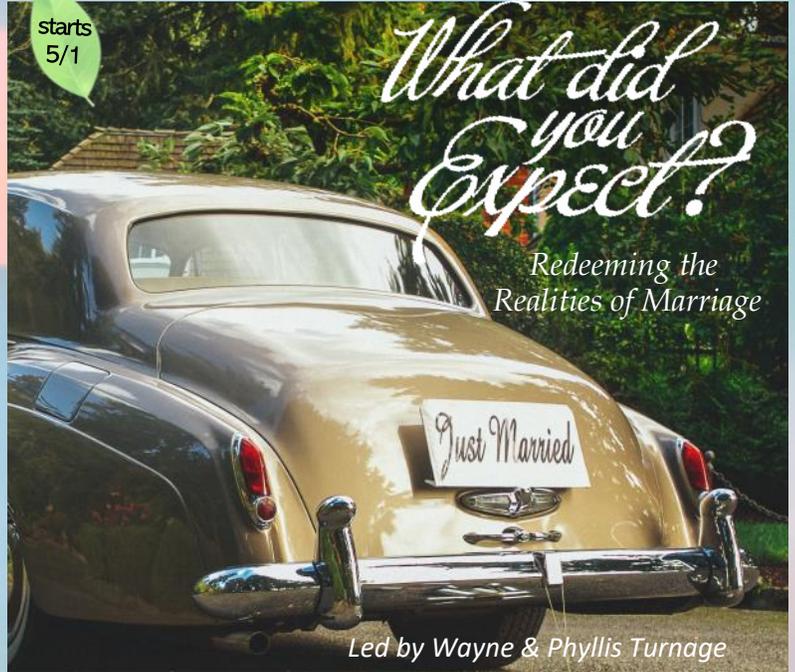
Learn what it means for believers
to place the gospel above all else.

J. D. GREAR

starts
5/1

What did you Expect?

*Redeeming the
Realities of Marriage*



Led by Wayne & Phyllis Turnage

starts
4/24

Yes, you can beat debt and stress.

Led by Jim Murphy

DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
UNIVERSITY

starts
4/24

Led by Wanda Truesdale Emotionally Healthy Relationships

Discipleship that Deeply Changes Your Relationship with Others



starts
4/24

Led by Pastor Bob & Bobby Davis

Discovering Church Membership Class

Learn More About Our Church...



Learn more and sign up at fbcshallotte.org/wed

First Kids' Ministries

Volunteers Needed

God calls us to serve in the church...what better way than to impact the lives of our future.

Join our teams that seek to bring children into a deeper relationship with Christ and the church!

Our First Kids' Ministries need Christians that love to talk about Jesus and have a desire to

make a difference in young lives. Put your gifts and talents to work and set an example for the kids of how to use their gifts and talents to do God's work.

Kid's Own Worship and Worship Care volunteers needed. Sign up for as little as 1 hour a month to serve in either of these ministries'.

For the safety of our children, we ask all volunteers to complete an application and authorize us to complete a Criminal Background Check.

Find out more by calling our office at (910) 754-4048 or sign up at fbcshallotte.org/iserve.

Psalm 127:3

"Children are a blessing and a gift from the LORD.

Contemporary English Version

15 years

Fifteen Years Ago This Month....

- Pat Tillman, a former NFL player who enlisted in the US Army, is killed by friendly fire in eastern Afghanistan.
- The last Oldsmobile rolls off the assembly line.
- Google introduces Gmail
- 23rd NCAA Women's Basketball Championship: Connecticut beats Tennessee 70-61

Monthly Ministry Info

WEDNESDAY DINNER | 5:30-6:15PM

children

QUEST FIRST KIDS MINISTRY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

fusion

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

No YOUTH SMALL GROUPS IN APRIL

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BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

CENTRIFUGE SUMMER CAMP

JUN 17—21, 2019
SHALIMAR CENTER, PANAMA CITY, FL
COST: \$350 (\$60 DUE NOW)
\$60 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE APR 24
\$230 BALANCE & NOTARIZED FORMS
DUE MAY 29, 2019
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL FOR
MORE INFORMATION

No YOUTH SMALL GROUPS IN APRIL

message series

UPCOMING SERIES: "WHO'S YOUR
ONE?: IMPACTING ETERNITY ONE LIFE
AT A TIME"

LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/SERMONS

fifty plus

No MONTHLY MEETING IN APRIL

women

LADIES' MINISTRY MEETING
APR 8 | 6:30PM

DANCE FOR JOY
TUESDAYS | 6:30PM

WOMEN'S RETREAT
APR 5-6
FBCS HOSTS "WHAT TIME IS IT?"
RETREAT FOR LADIES BY CORNERSTONE
MINISTRY. MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL,
CALL OR TEXT - PHYLLIS
BZB@ATMC.NET OR 910-540-5270

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

missions

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
THROUGH APR 14, 2019
GOAL: \$5,500

ROMANIA MISSION TRIP
JUL 18-27, 2019
COST: \$1,900
\$100 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE NOW
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL FOR MORE
INFORMATION

TEAM MEETING
APR 14 | 12:30PM

finance

CAPITAL FUND BALANCE
\$142,582

DISASTER RELIEF FUND BALANCE
\$10,732

fifteen years

15 YEAR CELEBRATION
APR 7 | 11AM
BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC SIDES &
DESSERTS! COME DRESSED FOR FUN!

No EVENING WORSHIP OR ACTIVITIES

easter

"LOVE TOOK HIS BREATH AWAY"
PRESENTED BY CELEBRATION CHOIR
APR 14 | 11AM

EASTER SUNDAY
7AM SONRISE SERVICE
9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11AM WORSHIP

No EVENING WORSHIP OR ACTIVITIES

deacons

DEACON TRAINING FOR PAST, CURRENT
& POTENTIAL DEACONS
APR 14 | 3PM

ministry meeting

APR 14 | 6PM

spring carnival

APR 20 | 10AM

strategy 2019

APR 28 | 11AM
PRESENTATION AND VOTE ON
IMPORTANT UPGRADES. PLEASE MAKE
PLANS TO ATTEND.

No EVENING WORSHIP OR ACTIVITIES

Deacon Ministry Training

Don Evans, Deacon Chair

Deacon Ministry a high calling to serve with the same passion as Jesus!

Is that really what we believe today – or more likely do we view Deacon Ministry as a chore, or something for another man to do? When I was first asked to serve I said no. I felt I wasn't qualified, that Deacon service wasn't my gift, serving as Deacon would take too much of my time. Can you hear yourself saying the same thing?

The next time I was asked to serve as a Deacon, my instinct was to again say no. However, this time I allowed myself to earnestly seek God's desire for me. In doing so my heart was changed and radically so. Now, I find a revived passion to serve and indeed serve like Jesus did.

Have you noticed too how God is moving in our community, and indeed within the body of

FBCS? Since the first Sunday in January our family has grown by nearly 20. God has laid out new missions for us; soon we will hear from our 2019 growth team as to expanding our building, to allow us to minister as our Father expects us to. Clearly we need more men to help our Pastors with their ministry essentials, and to assist with the physical needs of a growing congregation.

On Sunday, April 24th our brother, Doug Ward, will come to offer a training program for Deacons. We want to invite all men from the body of Christ at FBCS to attend. This session will give you a flavor of how your service will allow God to provide the outcomes He has in mind for FBCS.

Will you allow God to open your mind and your heart to serving with the passion of Jesus?

NEW TO OUR FAMILY

Be sure to welcome the newest members of our church family!





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Love One Another.
Love the World.

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M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

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| Sunday School | 9:45am |
| Morning Worship | 11:00am |
| Evening Worship | 6:00pm |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm |

365 Days of Scriptures Revealing God's Promises

- Apr-01 PROMISE #91 My kingdom is everlasting and My dominion will endure forever. Psalm 145:13
- Apr-02 PROMISE #92 My eternal Word is anchored in the heavens. Psalm 119:89
- Apr-03 PROMISE #93 I am a gracious God who is righteous and full of mercy. Psalm 116:5
- Apr-04 PROMISE #94 I created all things for My pleasure. Revelation 4:11
- Apr-05 PROMISE #95 I am your Father and you are My handiwork. Isaiah 64:8
- Apr-06 PROMISE #96 I will protect and carry you all the days of your life. Isaiah 46:4
- Apr-07 PROMISE #97 I have chosen you to be like My Son, so you could be part of My family. Romans 8:29
- Apr-08 PROMISE #98 I have cancelled all your sin and made you alive in Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:13-14
- Apr-09 PROMISE #99 I have raised you up with Christ to sit in heavenly places. Ephesians 2:5-6
- Apr-10 PROMISE #100 The good things that I have planned for you are too many to count. Psalm 40:5
- Apr-11 PROMISE #101 I will restore and refresh your weary soul. Psalm 23:3
- Apr-12 PROMISE #102 I will always build you up, not pull you down. Jeremiah 24:6
- Apr-13 PROMISE #103 I have made you a member of My own household. Ephesians 2:19
- Apr-14 PROMISE #104 If you make your home in Me, then no evil will come your way. Psalm 91:9-10
- Apr-15 PROMISE #105 If you delight in My Word, you will be fruitful and prosperous. Psalm 1:1-3
- Apr-16 PROMISE #106 I will cover you all day long as you rest between My shoulders. Deuteronomy 33:12
- Apr-17 PROMISE #107 Come close to Me and I will come close to you. James 4:8
- Apr-18 PROMISE #108 You can trust in Me, for I am your strength and your song. Isaiah 12:2
- Apr-19 PROMISE #109 My gentleness will enlarge your life. 2 Samuel 22:36
- Apr-20 PROMISE #110 I do not show favoritism in My family. Ephesians 6:9
- Apr-21 PROMISE #111 I have chosen the poor to be rich in faith and heirs of My kingdom. James 2:5
- Apr-22 PROMISE #112 Ask Me for wisdom and I will generously give it to you. James 1:5
- Apr-23 PROMISE #113 I will give you power to know the vastness of My immeasurable love. Ephesians 3:17-19
- Apr-24 PROMISE #114 Wait patiently for Me and I will hear your cry. Psalm 40:1
- Apr-25 PROMISE #115 Even when you are weak in your faith, I will remain faithful to you. 2 Timothy 2:13
- Apr-26 PROMISE #116 Seek My kingdom first and everything you need will be given to you. Luke 12:31
- Apr-27 PROMISE #117 My Spirit will lead you into all truth and show you what is to come. John 16:12-13
- Apr-28 PROMISE #118 One day, I will wipe away every tear and take away all your pain. Revelation 21:4
- Apr-29 PROMISE #119 My everlasting joy and gladness will drive all sorrow and mourning away. Isaiah 51:11
- Apr-30 PROMISE #120 You can hold on to the hope that I will not change what I have promised. Hebrews 6:17-18